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Office Action Summary

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Jean M Corrielus

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 4-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 4-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on April 8, 2004, in which claims 1 and 4-24 are presented for further examination.

Drawings

2. The drawings received on April 8, 2004 have been approved by the examiner.

3. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the cited “the restriction component including a plurality of unique identification codes, a record having all unique identification codes and a level of access corresponding to each unique identification code and a software interface, the software interface being operable to receive one unique identification code, search the record for the unique identification code, ascertain the level of access corresponding to the unique identification code and limiting access to the information in the database according to the ascertained level of access” must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

5. Claims 1 and 4-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The cited limitation “the restriction component including a plurality of unique identification codes, a record having all unique identification codes and a level of access corresponding to each unique identification code and a software interface, the software interface being operable to receive one unique identification code, search the record for the unique identification code, ascertain the level of access corresponding to the unique identification code and limiting access to the information in the database according to the ascertained level of access” is not supported by the specification. Applicants are advised to amend the specification or cancel the limitation from the claims. Applicants are also advised that no new should be added.

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Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

7. Claims 1, and 4-24 as best understood by the examiner are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Steadham et al (hereinafter □Steadham□) US Patent no. 5,634,016 in view of Bowman-Amuah et al (hereinafter □Bowman□) US Patent no. 5,911,143. As to claim 1, Steadham discloses a computer integrated event management system that coordinates the entire process of event planning and implemented using specialized software. In particular, Steadham discloses the claimed features □a repository having information associated with event management, the repository having a first access permitting direct access to the repository by only an event provider and a second access permitting limited access to the

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repository by a non-provider user (col.1, line 10-col.4, line 53; col.9, line 38-col.17); and (c) said second access including a first digital interface permitting access to the repository by said non-provider user (col.6, lines 10-col.10). However, Steadham does not explicitly disclose the claimed (a) a restriction component limiting access of said non-provider user a defined portion of information in the repository, the restriction component including a plurality of unique identification codes, a record having all unique identification codes and a level of access corresponding to each unique identification code and a software interface, the software interface being operable to receive one unique identification code, search the record for the unique identification code, ascertain the level of access corresponding to the unique identification code and limiting access to the information in the database according to the ascertained level of access.

Bowman, on the other hand, discloses an analogous system for maintaining user access to the network and analyzing security logs, wherein the security project may be provided which carries out various duties and providing security training for the users of the network. In particular, Bowman disclose the claimed (a) a restriction component limiting access of said non-provider user a defined portion of information in the repository, the restriction component including a plurality of unique identification codes, a record having all unique identification codes and a level of access corresponding to each unique identification code and a software interface, the software interface being operable to receive one unique identification code, search the record for the unique identification code, ascertain the level of access corresponding to the unique

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identification code and limiting access to the information in the database according to the ascertained level of access (col.17, lines 56-67; col.21, lines 23-63; col.22, lines 15-40; col.45, lines 30-55; col.46, lines 40-63; col.47, lines 3-25; col.50, lines 5-15; col.53, lines 1-63; col.55, lines 6-30; col.56, lines 43-67; col.68, lines 25-48). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system disclosed by Steadham, wherein the event management system, provided therein (See Steadham's fig.1 and col.2, lines 55-57) would incorporate the use of a restriction component including a plurality of unique identification codes, a record having all unique identification codes and a level of access corresponding to each unique identification code and a software interface, the software interface being operable to receive one unique identification code, search the record for the unique identification code, ascertain the level of access corresponding to the unique identification code and limiting access to the information in the database according to the ascertained level of access. One having ordinary skill in the art would have found it motivated to do such a modification because that would have provided Steadham's system the enhanced capability of enabling organization to control and manage user access based on application with restricted access, thereby preventing unauthorized changes to the database elements and hence to ensure high quality and consistent database content.

As to claim 4, Bowman discloses the claimed feature "an access card having one unique identification number" (col.17, lines 56-67; col.21, lines 23-63; col.22, lines 15-40; col.45, lines

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30-55; col.46, lines 40-63; col.47, lines 3-25; col.50, lines 5-15; col.53, lines 1-63; col.55, lines 6-30; col.56, lines 43-67; col.68, lines 25-48). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system disclosed by Steadham, wherein the event management system, provided therein (See Steadham's fig.1 and col.2, lines 55-57) would incorporate the use of an access card having one unique identification number. One having ordinary skill in the art would have found it motivated to do such a modification because that would have provided Steadham's system the enhanced capability of enabling organization to control and manage user access based on application with restricted access, thereby preventing unauthorized changes to the database elements and hence to ensure high quality and consistent database content.

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As to claim 5, Steadham discloses the claimed feature □wherein the digital interface further comprises permitting modification of the information□ (col.15, lines 34-45).

As to claim 6, Steadham discloses the claimed feature □wherein the digital interface further comprises effecting corresponding changes to the information where such changes are necessitated by modification of the information□ (col.3, lines 45-57; col.15, lines 35-45).

As to claim 7, Steadham discloses the claimed feature □capturing data related to an event display□ (col.3, lines 45-67); and □a presentation component for displaying the captured data□ (col.4, lines 6-53).

As to claim 8, Steadham discloses the claimed feature □video camera□ (col.3, lines 35-40).

As to claim 9, Steadham discloses the claimed feature □a software interface to facilitate visual presentation of the captured data□ (col.39, lines 24-64).

As to claim 10, Steadham discloses the claimed feature □a functionality component for capturing data at a production site□ (col.1, line 10-col.4, line 50).

As to claim 11, Steadham discloses the claimed feature □a functionality component for capturing data at an event site□ (col.9, line 37-col.16).

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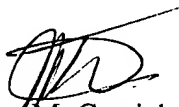
The limitations of claims 12-24 have been mentioned in the rejection of claims 1-11 above. In addition, Steadham discloses a plurality of reports embody webpage format (col.9, line 37-col.48); an arrangement component embodies a webpage format (col.9, line 37-col.48); and an arrangement component for facilitating travel accommodations (col.1, lines 10-67).

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean M. Corrielus whose telephone number is (703) 306-3035. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday (12:00pm - 7:30 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John E Breene can be reached on (703) 305-9790. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Jean M. Corrielus

Primary Examiner

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